

MINUTES

City Council

Monday, August 16, 2010 – 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order: Mayor Holder welcomed everyone and called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Devotional & Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Jones offered the opening prayer and Mayor Holder invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll Call: Mayor Holder presided. **Members of Council:** Councilmember Bethune, Councilmember Hall, Councilmember Jones, Councilmember Kicklighter, Councilmember Motes, Councilmember Shuman and Councilmember Spilliards.

Staff Present: Brian Johnson, Manager; Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles, Clerk of Council; Ron Feldner, Assistant City Manager; James P. Gerard, City Attorney; Pam Franklin, HR Director; Clara Rouse, Finance Director; Nathan Mai-Lombardo, Planning Director; Ben Brengman, IT Director; Jimmy Crosby, Fire Chief; Charles Draeger, Water Operations Director; Randall Griffin, Public Works Director, Cliff Ducey, Recreation Director and Captain Frank Clifton. ***David Lyons, Chief of Police absent.***

Mayor Holder said City Council held a Pre-Agenda Session prior tonight's meeting. He said no decisions were made during the Pre-Agenda Session.

Distinguished Budget Presentation Award: City Manager said this is our second year we received the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. He said this is a result of a lot of hard work by our Finance Director and her staff. He said less than three percent of the municipalities in Georgia hold both the awards for the budget and audit.

Board & Commission Reports:

Planning Director presented the Board of Zoning Appeals/Planning Commission Report from the August 10, 2010 meeting.

Councilmember Jones presented the Beautification Committee Report from the August 9, 2010 meeting.

Public Hearings:

PC1009, Annexation/Zoning Amendment: Mayor Holder opened the public hearing on a request by the City of Garden City to rezone unincorporated properties located on Ogeechee Road and owned by Georgia Branford McKenzie Jr. The City of Garden City request to rezone the following properties from a Chatham County zoning district to a Garden City zoning district. The properties for consideration are 4801 Ogeechee Road and 4811 Ogeechee Road. PIN# 1-0956-01-004, 1-0956-01-004B and 1-0956-01-005. Zoning Board of Appeals/Planning Commission recommends approval.

Mayor Holder asked if there was anyone who wished to speak for or against the request. There being no questions or comments, Mayor Holder closed the public hearing on PC1009.

City Council Minutes: Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Hall, City Council unanimously voted to approve the minutes date 7/19/10.

Staff Reports:

Planning Director presented the monthly status report for the Planning & Economic Development Department.

HR Director presented the monthly status report for the Human Resources Department.

Finance Director presented the monthly status report for the Finance Department.

IT Director presented the monthly status report for the Information Technology Department.

Recreation Director presented the monthly status report for the Parks & Recreation Department.

Public Works Director presented the monthly status report for the Public Works Department.

Water Operation Director presented the monthly status report for the Water Operations Department.

Fire Chief presented the monthly status report for the Fire Department.

Police Chief presented the monthly status report for the Police Department.

Items for Consideration:

PC1007, Rezoning/Zoning Amendment: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration a request by Darren Niven representing property owner Beaver's Movies & Music Inc., to rezone 4820 Augusta Road from C2 to C2BW. (PIN#'s 6-0013-04-041).

Councilmember Kicklighter made a motion, seconded by Councilmember Hall to deny Darren Niven's rezoning request.

Councilmember Kicklighter said the rezoning does not comply with the City's Future Land Use Plan.

Councilmember Spilliards said the overall plan has been that no alcohol is to be allowed from Smith Avenue to the railroad tracks on Highway 21.

Councilmember Bethune said the rezoning does not meet the criteria in our zoning book.

City Council voted unanimously to deny Darren Niven's rezoning request.

First Reading, Ordinance, Amendment to Revise Lot Dimension & Size Requirements: Clerk of Council read by title only for the first reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise the dimension and size requirements for lots within Garden City that utilize non-public water and on-site sewage systems; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Jones, seconded by Councilmember Kicklighter, City Council voted unanimously to approve the ordinance on the first reading.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Shuman, City Council voted unanimously to suspend the rules of council to hold the second reading.

Second Reading, Ordinance, Amendment to Revise Lot Dimension & Size Requirements: Clerk of Council read by title only for the second reading of an ordinance to amend the Code of Ordinances of Garden City, Georgia, as amended, to revise the dimension and size requirements for lots within Garden City that utilize non-public water and on-site sewage systems; to repeal all ordinances in conflict herewith; to provide an effective date; and for other purposes.

Upon motion by Councilmember Kicklighter, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adopt the ordinance on the second reading.

City Manager said this ordinance is to bring our lot size requirements in-line with the County's requirements to facility the County's Health Department in doing their inspections, etc.

Annexation Petitions: Mayor Holder said we have for consideration accepting for processing petitions for annexation by Trans-World Properties, LLC for the following properties: 1445 Dean Forest Road (Pin #1-0990-01-007), 1143 Dean Forest Road (Pin #1-0990-01-006B) and 10 Buckhalter Road (Pin #1-0956-01-006).

Upon motion by Councilmember Bethune, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to accept the petitions for processing.

Varnedoe Avenue Drainage Project Bids: Mayor Holder said we received the following bids for the Varnedoe Avenue Drainage Project:

- **Terry R. Lee Contracting Co.** **\$44,750.00**
- **BRW Construction Group** **\$49,970.00**
- **Savannah River Utilities** **\$93,300.00**

Mayor Holder said staff recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder Terry R. Lee Contracting Company, Inc., in the amount of \$44,750.00.

City Manager said this is a much needed project. He said this will greatly improve the drainage to the area. He said the project is to pipe the open ditch to facilitate stormwater flow. He said two years ago the County listed this as one of the areas that West Nile Virus was discovered in. He said when the

project is completed we will return the properties back to look like they were or even better than they were.

City Manager said the engineer's estimate was \$202,000. He said between the contractor and in-house efforts this project is scheduled to come in under the engineer's estimated cost. He said the monies that we collect from stormwater fees is funding this project.

Adjournment: Upon motion by Councilmember Hall, seconded by Councilmember Jones, City Council voted unanimously to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

Transcribed by Rhonda Ferrell-Bowles

Adopted September 20, 2010